A NEW DECLARATION OF THE Kings Majesties going to the Isle of WEIGHT; Wherein is declared, to all true Subjects, the true grounds of His Majesties retiring to the said Island, and taking of His Royall Person upon Col. *Hammond* (Governour thereof) for protection, on Saturday *Novem.* 13.

Presented to the said Governour, by Mr. John Ashburnham, *Servant to the Kings most Excellent Majesty.*

Together with His Majesties Message to Generall *Fairfax*, concerning the present condition of His Royall Person, and the Nobility of this Kingdome. With His Excellencies Letter to both Houses of Parliament, touching the Kings Majestie. *And* a Paper from the *Army*, expressing their Resolution towards the Kingdome.

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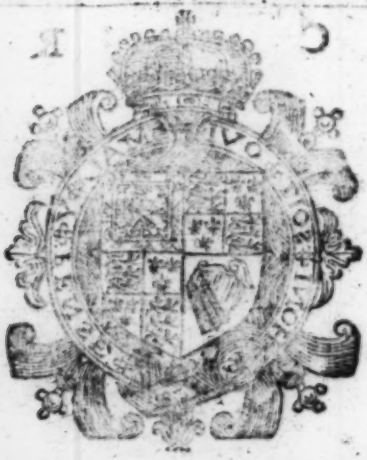

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THE KING'S MAJESTIES

Message to his Excellency Sir THOMAS FAIRFAX, at his departure from the South of England.

COmmon reason shewes that Kings lesse then any should endure captivity, and yet I call God and the World to witnesse, with what patience I have endured a tedious restraint, which so long as I had any hopes, that this sort of my sufferings might conduce to the peace of my Kingdom, or the hindering of

more effusion of blood, I did willingly undergoe. But now finding by too certaine proofes, that this my continued patience would not onely turn to my personall ruine, but likewise bee of much more prejudice, than furtherance to the publique good. I thought I was bound, as well by naturall, as politicall obligations to seek my safety, by retiring my selfe for some time from the publike view, both of my friends and enemies, & I appeale to all indifferent men, to judge if I have not just cause to face my selfe from the hands of those who change their principles with their condition, and who are not ashamed openly to intend the destruction of the Nobility, by taking away their Negative Voyce, &c. And as for their intentions to my Person, their changing and putting more strict Guards upon me, with the discharging most of all those servants of mine, who formerly they willingly admitted to wait upon me, doth sufficiently declare. Nor would I have this my retirement mis-interpreted, for I shall earnestly and incessantly endeavor the setling of a safe and well-grounded Peace, where ever I am, or shall be; And that, as much

much as may bee, without the effusion of more Christian bloud; for which how many times have I desired, prest to be heard, & yet no eare given to me. And can any reasonable men thinke, that according to the ordinary course of affaires, there can bee a setled peace without it, or that God will blesse those who refuse to hear their own King, surely not?

Now as I cannot deny, but that my personall security is the urgent cause of this my retirement, so I take God to witnesse that the publique peace is no lesse before mine eyes; And I can find no better way to expresse this my profession (I know not what a wiser man may doe) then by desiring and urging, that all their interests may be heard, to the end each may have Just satisfaction.

To conclude, let me be heard with freedom, honour, and safety, and I shall instantly break through this cloud of retirement, and shew my selfe really to be Pater Patriæ.

CHARLES REX.

SIR,

Upon Satturday last his Excellency Sir *Thomas Fairfax* sent a Letter to both Houses of Parliament, concerning the Kings Majesties escape from *Hampton Court*, declaring as followeth.

S. I. R.

THis morning Col. Whaley hath been with me, and given me an account of the circumstances appearing about the Kings going away, all which the Commissioners of both Houses (as he saith) doth know as fully as he, and therefore they being gone to acquaint the Houses therewith, I forbeare for this day to command his attendance of the House, especially in regard that there is yet some need of the continuance of his Guard and care at Hampton-Court, for the safe keeping of those whom he hath secured, to be examined concerning the Kings escape, about whom I desire the House would take some

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order what shall be done with them, for the examination of them, or otherwise, I shall to morrow go to Ware, according to former resolution, to Randezvouze the Army, and shall be there untill Munday towards night, to receive your commands.

Your humble servant,

Tho: Fairfax.

Putney Nov. 12. 1647.

For the Honourable *Wil. Lenthall* Esq; Speaker of the Honourable House of Commons.

A Declaration from severall Regiments in the Army, touching the further proceedings in their late Agreement.

WHereas we are given to understand by Capt. *Cannon* & our Lieutenant, that you, contrary to our intentions, when we made choyce of you, & contrary to the power wee then gave to you, refuse to joyne with the rest of the *Agitators* of the *Army* at the Head-quarters; Neither by any intreaty will you be perswaded to sit in Councell with them but separate your selfe with some few others, for what ends we know not, unlesse it be to render our actions odious to the whole Kingdome, and divide us from the rest of the *Army*, which will be the ruine of the whole, which great wrong and injury we are very sensible of: VVee do therefore expect, that you should speedily joyne your self too, and mutually act with the *Agitators* of the *Army*, residing at the Head-quarters, setting before you our Engagements, Representations, and Declarations, as a rule to walke

walke by [knowing that we are resolved to stand too, & make good all our promises made to the Kingdome] and in case you will not immediatly answer all our expectations herein, we do hereby discharge you, from agitating any longer in our behalf, requiring your speedy answer hereunto. We rest,

Your Friends and fellow-souldiers,

Thomas Perry, *Christopher Butler*, *Cuthbert Reynaldson*, *John Calloway*, *Edward Calloway*, *Abraham Lane*, *John Litter*, *John Abrahams*, *John Aston*, *Nathaniel Evanson*.

With divers others, who have also subscribed hereunto.

For Mr. William Russell, Cleric. these present.

The Copy of a Paper from the West, concerning his Majesties arriving at the Isle of Wight.

SIR, Since his Majesties escape from *Hampton-Court*, we are advertised, that upon Fryday last He rid through *Andover*, accompanied with Sir *John Barkley*, Sir *John Ashburnham*, Col. *Leg*, and some few others, being resolved to make their retirement to the Isle of Wight, for preservation of his Maj. Royall person: and upon Saturday last his Majestie arrived safely here, sending Mr. *John Ashburnham* to the Governour, to certifie him of his Majesties arrivall, who declared unto him, that His Majesty were desirous to speak with him, and to impart unto him the reason of his comming to the said Island, and that He was resolved to cast His Person upon him for protection, being in danger of his life, untill the pleasure of both houses of Parliament shall be made known thereunto.

Your most affectionate friend,

Ile of Wight, Novem. 14. 1647. John Jackson.